IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.6759 OF 2006

Mr.Mayuresh Ashok Gautam ...Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Ms.Neeta P. Karnik for the Petitioner.

Mr.R.D Rane, Government Pleader, for Respondent Nos.1, 2 and 5.

CORAM : H.S. BEDI, C.J., &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 12, 2006.

P.C. :-

1. The grievance of the petitioner is that his caste claim which is pending for verification with the Scrutiny Committee be decided within a stipulated period and further respondent no.3 be directed to allow the petitioner to continue his studies in the M.B.B.S. Course.

2. We have heard the learned Advocates for the parties.

3. We direct respondent no.2 to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as

possible and, in any case, before 28th February, 2007. In the meanwhile, the respondents shall not take any coercive measure against the petitioner, including termination of petitioner's admission in the M.B.B.S. Course.

4. We also direct that in case the decision of the Scrutiny Committee happens to be adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of the order to the petitioner.

5. With this direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

. Parties to act on the authenticated copy of this Order.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.